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1. The amendment filed on 04 June 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

The application has been allowed based on the amendment and response filed on May 24, 2004. Applicant stated that the present invention is directed to a technique of completing the functionalization reaction with a modifier while maintaining the solid state of PPE powder which is disclosed in the specification also. Thus, the recited "melting point of (a)" of claim 1 would include a particular temperature around said melting point of (a) such as the onset-melting point in which said PPE would start to melt since said PPE powder would have a small range of temperature from the onset melting point for a liquid state.



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